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SUBJECT: DRAFTING WORKING GROUP MEETINGS, APRIL 28, 1975 (SALT TWO-64
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1. IN TWO SESSIONS TOTALING FOUR AND ONE-HALF HOURS APRIL 28
(A-863), DRAFTING WORKING GROUP SURVEYED DRAFT TEXTS FROM
PREAMBLE TO ARTICLE VIII.

2. KARPOV WAS IN COOPERATIVE MOOD AND MOVED TOWARD U.S. POSI-
TION ON U.S. ARTICLE III. HIS NEW VERSION EMPHASIZES LAUNCHERS
RATHER THAN DELIVERY VEHICLES. A LONG DISCUSSION OF ASM QUES-
TION REVEALED NO SUBSTANTIVE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN INTENT OF
SOVIET FORMULATION REFERRING TO MAXIMUM NUMBER OF ASMS WITH
WHICH A "BOMBER IS EQUIPPED FOR ONE OPERATIONAL MISSION" AND
U.S. FORMULATION OF MAXIMUM NUMBER OF ASBMS WHICH BOMBER IS
"EQUIPPED TO CARRY AT ONE TIME AND TO LAUNCH IN THE COURSE OF
ONE MISSION." KARPOV STILL REFUSED TO ACCEPT U.S. WORDING,
ARGUING THAT WORKING GROUP IS NOT ENTITLED TO DISCUSS HOW
MISSILES ARE LAUNCHED OR OPERATIONAL USE OF ANY WEAPONS.

3. KARPOV ACCEPTED U.S. PROPOSAL THAT ARTICLE IV MAKE CLEAR
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THAT MIRV DEPLOYMENTS MUST BE "SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS

AGREEMENT." HOWEVER, HE ALSO ARGUED STRONGLY THAT WE SHOULD INCLUDE AIDE-MEMOIRE LANGUAGE THAT "EACH SIDE WILL BE ENTITLED TO DETERMINE THE TYPES AND NUMBERS OF MISSILES EQUIPPED WITH SUCH WARHEADS."

4. KARPOV SUBMITTED AN ADDITIONAL PROVISION FOR SOVIET ARTICLE III WHICH PROHIBITS SUPPLYING FIXED LAND-BASED ICBM FIELDS WITH MISSILES IN EXCESS OF NUMBER CONSISTENT WITH NORMAL MAINTENANCE, TRAINING AND REPLACEMENT REQUIREMENTS.

5. KLOSSON TABLED SHARPENED LANGUAGE FOR U.S. ARTICLES I, IV, V, VI, AND VIII. REVISED ARTICLE VIII DROPS REFERENCE TO AGREE-GATES IN PARAGRAPH 1 AND REFERS TO COMMENCING RATHER THAN CONCLUDING NEGOTIATIONS ON FOLLOW-ON AGREEMENT DURING JOINT REVIEW IN PARAGRAPH 2. KARPOV CONTINUED TO FAVOR AIDE-MEMOIRE FORMULATION. HE SAID HE WOULD CONSIDER MENTIONING FOLLOW-ON AGREEMENT IN TEXT, AS WELL AS POSSIBILITY OF AMENDMENTS IF U.S. WILL DROP FIVE-YEAR REVIEW AND REQUIREMENT THAT REDUCTIONS AND LIMITATION NEGOTIATIONS BEGIN NO LATER THAN ONE YEAR FOLLOWING ENTRY INTO FORCE. HE SAID HE IS NOT AGAINST EITHER REDUCTIONS OR FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS, BUT DELEGATIONS SHOULD NOT PREJUDGE THESE QUESTIONS SINCE IT IS FOR GOVERNMENTS TO DECIDE WHEN FURTHER TALKS WILL OCCUR AND WHAT AGENDA WILL BE AT ANY GIVEN TIME.

6. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED TUESDAY, APRIL 29. JOHNSON

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